

Classification of Tumours of the Central Nervous system based on WHO classification 2021 and ICD-O-3.2 (to be used for new registrations from incidence year 2022)

WHO classification of tumours of central nervous system	Classification ICD-O-3.2	Topography (most frequent)	Comments (all additional information: biomarkers,...)
Gliomas, glioneuronal tumours and neuronal tumours			
<i>Adult-type diffuse gliomas</i>			
Astrocytoma, IDH-mutant		(C71_)	
Astrocytoma, IDH-mutant, grade 2	9400/3	(C71_)	
<i>Astrocytoma, NOS</i>	9400/3	(C71_)	NOS
Astrocytoma, IDH-mutant, grade 3	9401/3	(C71_)	
Astrocytoma, IDH-mutant, grade 4	9445/3	(C71_)	
<i>Gemistocytic astrocytoma, IDH-mutant, NOS</i>	9411/3	(C71_)	
Oligodendroglioma, IDH-mutant and 1p/19q-codeleted		(C71_)	
Oligodendroglioma, IDH-mutant and 1p/19q-codeleted, grade 2	9450/3	(C71_)	
<i>Oligodendroglioma, NOS</i>	9450/3	(C71_)	NOS
Oligodendroglioma, IDH-mutant and 1p/19q-codeleted, grade 3	9451/3	(C71_)	
Glioblastoma, IDH-wildtype	9440/3	(C71_)	
Giant cell glioblastoma	9441/3	(C71_)	
<i>Gliofibroma</i>	9442/1	(C71_)	
Gliosarcoma	9442/3	(C71_)	
<i>Anaplastic oligoastrocytoma, NOS or NEC</i>	9382/3	(C71_)	
<i>Paediatric-type diffuse low-grade gliomas</i>			
Diffuse astrocytoma, MYB or MYBL1-altered*	9421/1	(C71_)	"MYB-altered" or "MYBL1-altered"
Angiocentric glioma	9431/1	(C71_)	
Polymorphous low-grade neuroepithelial tumour of the young (PLNTY)*	9413/0	(C71_)	
Diffuse low-grade glioma, MAPK pathway-altered*	9421/1	(C71_)	"MAPK-pathway altered" (BRAF or FGFR1)
<i>Paediatric-type diffuse high-grade gliomas</i>			
Diffuse midline glioma, H3 K27-altered*	9385/3	(C71_)	"Diffuse midline glioma, H3 K27-altered"
Diffuse hemispheric glioma, H3 G34-mutant*	9385/3	(C71_)	"Diffuse hemispheric glioma, H3 G34-mutant"
Diffuse paediatric-type high-grade glioma, H3-wildtype and IDH-wildtype	9385/3	(C71_)	"Diffuse paediatric-type high-grade glioma, H3-wildtype and IDH-wildtype"
Infant-type hemispheric glioma*	9385/3	(C71_)	"Infant-type hemispheric glioma"
<i>Circumscribed astrocytic gliomas</i>			
Pilocytic astrocytoma	9421/1	(C71_., C72_.)	Pilocytic astrocytoma (KIAA1549::BRAF fusion)
<i>Piloxyloid astrocytoma</i>	9425/3	(C71_)	
High-grade astrocytoma with piloid features (HGAP)	9421/3 ²	(C71_)	
Pleomorphic xanthoastrocytoma (PXA)	9424/3	(C71_)	
Subependymal giant cell astrocytoma (SEGCA)	9384/1	(C71_)	
Chordoid glioma	9444/1	(C71_)	
Astroblastoma, MN1-altered*	9430/3	(C71_)	
<i>Glioma, NOS / NEC</i>	9380/3	(C71_)	To be justified with all genetic/molecular aberrations, NEC/NOS
<i>Gliomatosis cerebri, NOS</i>	9381/3	(C71_)	
<i>Glioneuronal and neuronal tumours</i>			
Ganglioglioma	9505/1	(C70_., C71_., C72_.)	
Anaplastic ganglioglioma	9505/3	(C70_., C71_., C72_.)	
Gangliocytoma	9492/0	(C70_., C71_., C72_.)	
Desmoplastic infantile ganglioglioma	9412/1	(C71_)	"Desmoplastic infantile ganglioglioma"
Desmoplastic infantile astrocytoma	9412/1	(C71_)	"Desmoplastic infantile astrocytoma"
Dysembryoplastic neuroepithelial tumour (DNET)	9413/0	(C71_)	
Diffuse glioneuronal tumour with oligodendroglioma-like features and nuclear clusters (DGNCL) (provisional entity)	Not applicable		
Papillary glioneuronal tumour (PGNT)	9509/1	(C71_., C75.3)	"Papillary glioneuronal tumour"
Rosette-forming glioneuronal tumour (RGNT)	9509/1	(C71_)	"Rosette-forming glioneuronal tumour"
Myxoid glioneuronal tumour*	9509/1	(C71_)	"Myxoid glioneuronal tumour"
Diffuse leptomeningeal glioneuronal tumour	9509/3 ²	(C70_., C71_., C72_.)	
Multinodular and vacuolating neuronal tumour	9509/0 ²	(C71_)	
Dysplastic cerebellar gangliocytoma (Lhermitte-Duclos disease)	9493/0	(C71.6)	
Central neurocytoma	9506/1	(C71_., C72_.)	"Central neurocytoma"
Extraventricular neurocytoma	9506/1	(C71_)	"Extraventricular neurocytoma"
Cerebellar liponeurocytoma	9506/1	(C71.6)	"Cerebellar liponeurocytoma"
<i>Ependymal tumours</i>			
Supratentorial ependymoma, ZFTA fusion-positive*	9396/3	(C71_)	"Supratentorial ependymoma, ZFTA fusion-positive"
Supratentorial ependymoma, YAP1 fusion-positive*	9396/3	(C71.5)	"Supratentorial ependymoma, YAP1 fusion-positive"
Supratentorial ependymoma, NOS*	9391/3	(C71_)	"Supratentorial"
Posterior fossa group A (PFA) ependymoma*	9396/3	(C71.7)	"PFA"
Posterior fossa group B (PFB) ependymoma*	9396/3	(C71.7)	"PFB"
Posterior ependymoma, NOS*	9391/3	(C71.7)	"Posterior"
Subependymoma	9383/1	(C71.7)	
Spinal ependymoma, MYCN-amplified*	9396/3	(C72_)	"Spinal ependymoma, MYCN-amplified"
Spinal ependymoma, NOS*	9391/3	(C72_)	"Spinal"
Myxopapillary ependymoma	9394/1	(C72_)	
Sellar ependymoma	9391/1	(C75.3)	
Choroid plexus tumours			
Choroid plexus papilloma	9390/0	(C71.5, C71.7)	
Atypical choroid plexus papilloma	9390/1	(C71.5, C71.7)	
Choroid plexus carcinoma	9390/3	(C71.5, C71.7)	
Embryonal tumours			
<i>Medulloblastomas, molecularly defined</i>			
Medulloblastoma, WNT-activated	9475/3	(C71.6)	
Medulloblastoma, SHH-activated and TP53-wildtype	9471/3	(C71.6)	"SHH-activated and TP53-wildtype"
Medulloblastoma, SHH-activated and TP53-mutant	9476/3	(C71.6)	
Medulloblastoma, non-WNT/non-SHH	9477/3	(C71.6)	
<i>Medulloblastomas, histologically defined</i>			
Desmoplastic nodular medulloblastoma	9471/3	(C71.6)	"Desmoplastic nodular"
Medulloblastoma with extensive nodularity	9471/3	(C71.6)	"Extensive nodularity"
Large cell medulloblastoma	9474/3	(C71.6)	"Large cell"
Anaplastic medulloblastoma	9474/3	(C71.6)	"Anaplastic"
Medulloblastoma, histologically defined	9470/3	(C71.6)	
Medulloblastoma	9472/3	(C71_)	
<i>Other CNS embryonal tumours</i>			
Atypical teratoid/rhabdoid tumour (=ATRT)	9508/3	(C71_)	
Cirriiform neuroepithelial tumour (CRINET) (provisional entity)	Not applicable		
Embryonal tumour with multilayered rosettes (ETMR)	9478/3	(C71_)	
CNS neuroblastoma, FOXR2-activated*	9500/3	(C71_., C72_.)	"CNS neuroblastoma, FOXR2-activated"
Ganglioneuroblastoma	9490/3	(C71_., C72_.)	
CNS tumour with BCDR internal tandem duplication*	9500/3	(C71_)	"CNS tumour with BCDR internal tandem duplication"
CNS embryonal tumour, NEC/NOS	9473/3	(C71_., C72_.)	
Medulloepithelioma	9501/3	(C71_., C72_.)	
Pineal tumours			
Pineocytoma	9361/1	(C75.3)	
Pineal parenchymal tumour of intermediate differentiation (PPTID)	9362/3	(C75.3)	"Pineal parenchymal tumour of intermediate differentiation"
Pineoblastoma	9362/3	(C75.3)	"Pineoblastoma"
Papillary tumour of the pineal region	9395/3	(C75.3)	
Desmoplastic myxoid tumour of the pineal region, SMARCB1-mutant (provisional)	Not applicable		
Cranial and paraspinal nerve tumours			
Schwannoma	9560/0	(C72_)	
Neurofibroma	9540/0	(C72_)	
Plexiform neurofibroma	9550/0	(C72_)	
Perineurioma	9571/0	(C72_)	
Hybrid nerve sheath tumour	9563/0	(C72_)	
Malignant melanotic nerve sheath tumour	9540/3	(C72_)	"Melanotic"
Malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumour (MPNST)	9540/3	(C72_)	"Peripheral"
Epithelioid MPNST	9540/3	(C72_)	"Epithelioid MPNST"
Malignant perineurioma	9571/3	(C72_)	
Cauda equina neuroendocrine tumour (previously paraganglioma)	8693/3	(C72.1)	
Meningioma			
Meningioma	9530/0	(C70_)	Information about atypical/anaplastic must be registered using the CNS WHO grade
Meningothelial meningioma	9531/0	(C70_)	
Fibrous meningioma	9532/0	(C70_)	
Transitional meningioma	9537/0	(C70_)	
Psammomatous meningioma	9533/0	(C70_)	
Angiomatous meningioma	9534/0	(C70_)	
Hemangioblastic meningioma	9535/0	(C70_)	
Chordoid or clear cell meningioma	9538/1	(C70_)	
Papillary or rhabdoid meningioma	9538/3	(C70_)	

<i>Atypical meningioma</i>	9539/1	(C70_)		By default if not possible to subclassify by morphology (information about atypical/anaplastic must be registered using the CNS WHO grade)
<i>Anaplastic malignant meningioma</i>	9539/3	(C70_)		
Mesenchymal, non-meningothelial tumours involving the CNS				
<i>Fibroblastic and myofibroblastic tumours</i>				
Solitary fibrous tumour (SFT; previously termed hemangiopericytoma)	8815/1	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		
Vascular tumours				
Cavernous haemangioma	9121/0	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		
Capillary haemangioma	9131/0	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		
Arteriovenous malformation (=AVM)	9123/0	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		
Haemangioblastoma	9161/1	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		
Skeletal muscle tumours				
Embryonal rhabdomyosarcoma	8910/3	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		
Alveolar rhabdomyosarcoma	8930/3	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		
Rhabdomyosarcoma, pleomorphic-type	8901/3	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		
Spindle cell rhabdomyosarcoma	8912/3	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		
Tumours of uncertain differentiation				
Intracranial mesenchymal tumour, FET::CREB fusion-positive (provisional entity)	Not applicable			
CIC-rearranged sarcoma	8803/3	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		9367/3 ⁵ (Code does not yet exist in ICD-O-3.2)
Primary intracranial sarcoma, DICER1 -mutant*	9480/3	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		
Ewing sarcoma	9364/3	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		
Chondrogenic tumours				
Mesenchymal chondrosarcoma	9240/3	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		
Chondrosarcoma	9220/3	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		
Dedifferentiated chondrosarcoma	9243/3	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		
Notochordal tumours				
Chordoma	9370/3	(C40_ ; C41_)		
Melanocytic tumours				
<i>Diffuse meningeal melanocytic neoplasms</i>				
Meningeal melanocytosis	8728/0	(C70_)		
Meningeal melanomatosis	8728/3	(C70_)		
<i>Circumscribed meningeal melanocytic neoplasms</i>				
Meningeal melanocytoma	8728/1	(C70_)		
Meningeal melanomatosis	8720/3	(C70_)		
Melanotic neuroectodermal tumor	9363/0	(C70_)		
Haematolymphoid tumours involving the CNS				
<i>CNS lymphomas</i>				
Primary diffuse large B-cell lymphoma of the CNS	9680/3	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		
Immunodeficiency-associated CNS lymphomas		(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		Classify according to the corresponding lymphoma subtype and in comment the corresponding immunodeficiency 'PTLD' or 'HIV' or 'PID**' ...
Lymphomatoid granulomatosis	9766/1	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		Indicate the grade
Lymphomatoid granulomatosis, grade 1	9766/1	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		*grade 1*
Lymphomatoid granulomatosis, grade 2	9766/1	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		*grade 2*
Lymphomatoid granulomatosis, grade 3	9766/3	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		
Intravascular large B-cell lymphoma	9712/3	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		
<i>Miscellaneous rare lymphomas in the CNS</i>				
MALT lymphoma of the dura	9699/3	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		
Lymphoplasmacytic lymphoma	9671/3	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		
Follicular lymphoma	9690/3	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		
Anaplastic large cell lymphoma ALK+	9714/3	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		
Anaplastic large cell lymphoma ALK-	9715/3	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		
Peripheral T-cell lymphoma (PTCL)	9702/3	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		
NK/T-cell lymphoma (nasal type), with primary manifestation in the CNS	9719/3	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		
Histiocytic tumours				
Erdheim-Chester disease	9749/3	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		*Erdheim-Chester disease*
Rosai-Dorfman disease*	9749/3	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		*Rosai-Dorfman disease*
Juvenile xanthogranuloma*	9749/1	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		
Langerhans cell histiocytosis	9751/1	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		
Histiocytic sarcoma	9755/3	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		
Germ cell tumours				
Mature teratoma	9080/0	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		
Immature teratoma	9080/3	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		
Teratoma, NG3	9080/1	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		
Teratoma with somatic-type malignancy	9084/3	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		
Germinoma	9064/3	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		
Embryonal carcinoma	9070/3	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		
Yolk sac tumour	9071/3	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		
Choriocarcinoma	9100/3	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		
Mixed germ cell tumour	9085/3	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		
Tumours of the sellar region				
<i>Craniopharyngioma</i>				
Adamantinomatous craniopharyngioma	9351/1	(C75_2)		
Papillary craniopharyngioma	9352/1	(C75_2)		
Craniopharyngioma, NG3	9350/2	(C75_2)		
<i>Pituitary adenoma, granular cell tumour of the sellar region, and spindle cell oncocytoma</i>				
Pituitary adenoma	9432/1	(C75_1)		
Granular cell tumour of the sellar region	9582/0	(C75_1)		
Spindle cell oncocytoma	8290/0	(C75_1)		
Pituitary adenoma/pituitary neuroendocrine tumour (PitNET)*	8272/3	(C75_1)		
Pituitary blastoma	8273/3	(C75_1)		
Unspecified tumours				
Tumour cells, benign	8000/0	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		
Unclassified tumour, borderline malignancy	8000/1	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		
Neoplasm, malignant	8000/3	(C70_ ; C71_ ; C72_)		

In grey: codes and / or names of entities which should be avoided in favour of a more specific code

Altered genes are italicized while gene families and proteins are not

*These entities have undergone a change in terminology of a previous code

⁵Codes were approved by the IARC/WHO Committee for ICD-O at its meeting in May 2021

** : PTLD : Post-Transplant Lymphoproliferative disorder; PID : Primary ImmunoDeficiency

These following types and codes must not be used anymore :

<i>Fibrillary astrocytoma</i>	9420/3	(C71_)
<i>Protoplasmic astrocytoma</i>	9410/3	(C71_)
<i>Papillary ependymoma</i>	9393/3	(C71_)
<i>Anaplastic ependymoma</i>	9392/3	(C71_)
<i>Melanotic schwannoma</i>	9560/1	(C70_)

Mutation status (IDH1/2, 1p/19q code) takes priority over morphology subtyping for astrocytomas

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Should not be confused with myxopapillary ependymoma. Topography and molecular status take priority over morphology subtyping for ependymomas

Replaced by registration of the anaplastic using the CNS WHO grade 3 with the corresponding morphology type and code of ependymoma

-> 9540/3 : Malignant melanotic nerve sheath tumour